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For: GOLF BALL

SUBMISSION AND REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as well as a Request for a Personal Interview with the Patent Examiner before the issuance of any Office Action in connection with this application.

**Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In order to comply with the "Submission" requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Patent Examiner is respectfully referred to the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed July 14, 2003 which was fully responsive to the previously Final Office Action of April 14, 2003. It is additionally submitted that applicant's representative requested a personal Interview with the Examiner before filing this Reply and this request was denied basically because a Final Office

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Action had already issued. In fact, the reason for filing this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is to provide for an opportunity to conduct an Interview with the Examiner. Consequently, this "Submission" also includes the request for an Interview discussed below. It is also submitted that all of the arguments provided in the Reply filed July 14<sup>th</sup> are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Request for Personal Interview**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner grant a personal Interview with applicant's representative before issuing any Office Action in connection with this application. The most significant issues to be discussed during the Interview include:

- (1) A discussion of the reasons that a person skilled in the art would modify the golf ball diameter of Yamagishi '503 (USP 5,601,503) to a smaller diameter, despite the failure of Yamagishi '503 to disclose a smaller golf ball diameter and despite the fact that Yamagishi '503 discloses disadvantages associated with using a smaller golf ball diameter; and
- (2) The failure of Satoshi '958 (Japanese Patent Application No. 10-248958) to address issues associated with dimple volume space requirements addressed by Yamagishi '503.

It is submitted that a personal Interview would be very helpful in further clarifying the understanding of applicant's representative of the position of the Examiner with regard to these issues.

If any further questions arising regarding the above matters, please contact applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle, in the Washington Metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of one (1) month to August 14, 2003 in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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